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AFTER A GOOD DEAL OF INFORMAL COMMUNICATION AMONG NATO AMBASSADORS, BUT NO ATTEMPT AT FORMAL SOLIDARITY, THE FOLLOWING WAS THE ATTENDANCE PICTURE AT 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS: (A) ALL NATO COM'S EXCEPT THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR ATTENDED THE SOVIET RECEPTION MAY 7, AT WHICH HUSAK AND KIRILENKO WERE THE CHIEF ATTRACTIONS. (B) SINCE THE INVITATIONS FOR THE MILITARY PARADE AND THE PRAGUE CASTLE RECEPTION MAY 9 BOTH BORE THE PHRASE, "LIBERATION BY THE SOVIET ARMY," NO US REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDED EITHER. (C) THE EEC COUNTRIES AGREED THAT COM'S WOULD ATTEND THE RECEPTION BUT NOT THE PARADE, AND THIS WAS CARRIED OUT. THE COM'S OF TURKEY, PORTUGAL AND GREECE ATTENDED THE PARADE, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL NATO COM'S ATTENDED THE RECEPTION.

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